

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Youhei SAKAI

Serial No: 10/599,544

Filed: May 23, 2007

For: Silicon Casting Apparatus and  
Method of Producing Silicon Ingot

Art Unit: 1725

Examiner: Not Assigned

**THIRD PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to the first Office Action in the present application and further to the preliminary amendment dated October 30, 2006, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments** to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.

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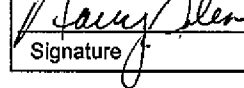
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